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The Senate met at 11:01 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's opening prayer will be offered by RDML Brent W. Scott, Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Navy and Chaplain of the Marine Corps in Washington, DC.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Please join me in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we begin this day in the privilege of prayer, thanking You for this great Nation, a people gathered from every tongue and tribe, bound together through the more noble ideals of liberty and justice and equality, formed and favored as one Nation under God. We ask Your help as You continue to make us as one.

We pray for our Senate in this session and ask You to bless them with wisdom and discernment to lead our people toward reconciliation, to rebuild our Nation's confidence in jus-

tice, to restore our sense of equality. Free each one from the divisive distractions of any lesser ideals that they may more powerfully serve the people as a body of, by, and for the people, making every effort to keep and protect a more perfect union.

We pray blessing for the men and women who wear our Nation's cloth, standing watch in every corner and clime of the globe. Give them peace as they bring peace to this troubled world.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

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